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In response to the Office Communication mailed on August 19, 2004 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), Applicants submit the following Statement. This Statement is timely filed within one month of receipt of the Office Communication in view of the fact that September 19, 2004 falls on a Sunday.

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STATEMENT

Dr. Jeremy Chrisp and Applicants' representative, Dr. William Christiansen, met with Examiner Ly and his colleague Examiner Ardin Marshcel in a personal interview on August 10, 2004. During the interview Applicants presented an introduction and overview of the invention. Applicants also presented an exhibit describing a certain embodiment of the invention, a leukemia diagnostic assay. Applicants and the Examiners generally discussed the claimed assay device and features of the device that relate to the pattern of interaction, including that the pattern of interaction indicates a condition, exemplified by present claim 43. A discussion took place, indicating that perhaps allowable subject matter could be found in claims modeled after present claim 43 and clarifying the "pattern of interaction" language. Specific, written claim amendments were not proposed to Examiner Ly during the interview.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Ly and Examiner Marshcel for their time and comments during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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